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Campus responds to Hurricane Sandy damage

BY MOLLY FELDMAN
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Two weeks after Super Storm Sandy ravaged the East Coast, relief efforts are still hard at work trying to help those affected by the storm.

Crisfield and Ocean City, Md. were two of the hardest hit cities on the Eastern Shore. Salisbury University and its surrounding

community have come together to help the victims who suffered through Sandy.

Salisbury University's Volunteer Center has been helping to promote the Red Cross' efforts to raise money for those in need. The Red Cross has a cellphone text option to donate money. By texting the number the organization has provided, \$10 will be given to relief efforts.

The Volunteer Center also organized a trip for

students on Nov. 3 in Crisfield to help clean up the town. Lubi Manova, graduate assistant for the Volunteer Center, said that the proximity to the effected towns was a huge reason the center wanted to help.

"I want to thank the students for caring and really stepping up," Manova said. "Their own families were affected and they still helped." The Volunteer Center's next step is to contact other individual efforts to see what they need

and help them out.

TRIO Achieve is another University organization that has leant their time to help the storm victims. The group, which helps students achieve their academic potential, said the students came to them first directly after the storm hit.

"Personally I've been where they are," Vi-

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SU student voters divided on outcome of Presidential Election



Photo by Justin Odendhal

Voters wait in line on Election Day at the Asbury Baptist Church to decide who will lead the country for the next four years.

BY SARAH KRAUSS
News Editor

As the President settles into another four years at the White House, Salisbury University students are still reacting to Obama's win with mixed emotions.

Students took to social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, to express their opinions in the weeks preceding the election. The sentiments were often passionate with no clear pull of which candidate garnered more support.

According to a poll conducted by the Pew Research Center, over the past 10 years, 18 to 29-year-olds have tended to affiliate with the Democratic Party. Although Obama gained 24 percent of the youth vote over Romney on Election Day according to exit polls taken by the New York Times, party lines weren't as pronounced on social media with many students unsure about which candidate would better support the demographic.

In a self-selected survey, 77.8 percent of SU students said the economy is the political topic in which they feel more interested. With the job market being a major concern for students nationally, the candidates' response to the issue was a major factor in gaining the youth vote.

At the second President Debate on Oct. 16, a 20-year-old college student asked the candidates how they planned to correct the job crisis for graduating students. Gov. Mitt Romney said he would ease the burden for college students by making schools more affordable through loans and by decreasing national debt.

"I know what it takes to make sure that you have the kind of opportunity you deserve," Gov. Romney said at the second debate. "Kids across this country are going to recognize, we're bringing back an economy."

In response to the same question, President Obama said the answer is found in reducing

the deficit, controlling energy and by redistributing money to rebuild America.

"We do those things, not only is your future going to be bright but America's future is going to be bright as well," President Obama said at the second debate.

College students played a key role during the Presidential race because 1,791,000 students will be graduating in 2013 with a bachelor's degree, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics. The candidates were aware that without a realistic plan to improve the job crisis, students would likely be without work or underemployed within the coming years, which could add to the number of unemployed people and halt economic progress.

With 84 percent of college students voting in the last election according to the 2010 Census Brief, students across America demonstrated the power of the youth vote in an election. The SU Center for Political and Civic Engagement attempted to capitalize on that power by hosting voter registration tables in the weeks before the election in an attempt to have all SU students who are eligible to vote registered in hopes that it would incentivize them to vote on Election Day.

Students were able to cast early ballots or wait in line on Election Day to help decide the future of the country. When news broke the President Obama was re-elected, students were divided on the result.

SU Senior Anissa Sanders said was satisfied with Obama's win, although she supported Romney's economic stand.

"Sure, not everything went his (Obama's) way his first term, but it doesn't mean he didn't have obstacles," Sanders said. "Obama doesn't just believe in the 47 percent, he stands for all of us, especially the middle class."

Sanders said that Obama's passion and character made him relatable to voters, but it is what he will do for the economy and job crisis that are most important.

"Mr. President, what do I really need from you?" Sanders said. "Well that's easy; a job."

Fulton Art Gallery displays senior Buck Insley's artwork

BY ALANISHA ALLEN
Staff Writer

Works by senior graphic design students are currently on display in the University Gallery of Fulton Hall.

One of these seniors is William "Buck" Insley who won Best Package Design. Buck has been interested in art for as long as he can remember.

"Ever since I was little I remember drawing on just about anything I could grab and usually it was just scribbles," Insley said.

Along with the pieces that Buck has on display, he also has screen printing available for those that would like to create their own art. Screen printing uses ink and a squeegee stroke to copy an image onto a piece of paper that then dries so that a visitor can take it home. The pic-

ture that is copied is one of an elephant. With this, more people are inclined to view Buck's pieces.

When asked about the exhibit, Trace Insley, Buck's mother said, "I think all of the students have done a wonderful job."

When asked what her favorite piece of her son's work was, Tracy said, "I love Kelly and the Peacock the most, but I'm into the details in the piece Jack and the Vulture."

When asked what his inspiration for his pieces are, Insley said, "Most of my inspiration comes from two things, nature and my imagination. All my life I lived on a beautiful piece of property with woods and water surrounding me. The organic shape of trees and animals are present in my work through the line quality or the subject matter itself. And because I have an active imagina-

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Overheard: What is on your Black Friday shopping list?



"Nothing, mainly because I went out last year and it was horrible. I do online shopping."
-Michele Brown, Senior



"I'm not going out, I'm just staying home and decorating the house. It's kind of a family tradition."
-Lauren Grondizio, Senior



"Probably not going to the stores, but if I did, I'd just go Christmas shopping for people."
-Caleb Mitzel, Senior



"I'm getting kids toys."
-Emily Venibles, Junior



"No, but my Christmas list is gift cards and a bike rack since I just got a bike."
-Scott Benjamin, Junior

How the 113th Congress can work with President Obama



BY STEVEN CENNAME
Editorial Editor

As the majority of credible pollsters expected, President Obama won reelection. However, Obama has a lot of work to do, which won't get done as long as Congress maintains the deadlock that has inhibited any possibility of progress for these past two years. The Congressional elections were much more surprising than the presidential election because not very many people expected the Democrats to gain seats in the Senate. Democrats did live up to expectations in the House, gaining around eight seats, with some elections still yet to be called. It will be interesting to see whether or not the 113th Congress will be able to come together and solve our country's problems, something the 112th Congress was unable to do. A main problem of the 112th Congress was the fact that each party's most partisan members were

put at the center of the budget negotiations, while the moderate members were provided with very few opportunities to give their input. In the failed "Super committee," which was supposed to come up with a bipartisan deal to cut the deficit, each party gave some of its most partisan members a position on the committee. The committee had very few moderates on it. Appointing some of the least moderate members of Congress to the committee was a terrible idea, because political moderates are the ones who are most likely to come up with a bipartisan solution. The "Super-committee" really wasn't a bad idea; it was the way the two parties approached the idea made it a failure. The moderates of the Democratic Party, known as "Blue Dog Democrats," saw their numbers dwindle in the House due to retirements and defeats. However, the Senate Blue Dogs are going to be thriving in the 113th Congress. Congressman Joe Donnelly, a member of the Blue Dog Coalition, was elected to the Senate from Indiana. North Dakota narrowly elected Heidi Heitkamp, another Blue Dog, to the Senate. Along with the new members, all the moderate Democratic senators who ran for reelection, were reelected. Moderate Republicans didn't fare as well. Senator Scott Brown lost reelection in Massachusetts and Senator Olympia Snowe, the most famous Senate moderate, retired, citing partisanship in Washington as the reason. Moderate Republicans in the House of Representatives were pretty much already extinct.

The "Super-committee" idea would probably be the best way to come up with a bipartisan debt reduction bill that would be satisfactory to the Republican House and the Democratic Senate. However, it will only work if the parties avoid appointing their most partisan members to the committee. Since moderate Democrats and moderate Republicans are closer to each other's ideologies than extreme ones are, they are more likely to come together and agree on a plan that the president, who himself really is a moderate Democrat, would sign and the House and Senate are likely to agree to. The last Super-committee had 12 members on it, made of three members from each party from the House and Senate. The only members from the old committee I would keep are Representative Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Senator Max Baucus (D-MT). For Democrats, a few experienced Senators who would work well with Republicans include Mary Landrieu from Louisiana, Claire McCaskill from Missouri and Mark Warner from Virginia. For the Republicans, reasonable Senators include Susan Collins of Maine, Lindsay Graham of South Carolina and John Hoeven of North Dakota. It is very hard to get 535 people to work together, so choosing a few to work on a committee is a good strategy in drafting legislation. If we expect to solve our country's problems, elected officials must make a better effort to work together than they have these past two years.

How the parking problem affects student schedules



BY CHRISTINE KANARAS
Staff Writer

more Beth Waters, who currently lives off-campus. "Usually parking is not a problem in the evening, but in the morning it can be quite a hassle." Junior Jack Johnson commutes from an off-campus house and, like many, relies on a car to make it to class on time and to transport supplies needed for class. "I tried to find a parking spot by Perdue around 3 p.m. and drove around for 10 minutes and there were no spots," Johnson said. "I parked on the opposite side of campus and carried a big art portfolio across campus in the wind and cold and was late to class." Many students also rely on their vehicle so they can pay a quick visit to the library to print out a few documents or to run into a teacher's office to drop off an assignment. On many occasions, a crowded parking lot can cause a quick library trip to turn into an hour-long scavenger hunt for an open parking space or a prayer for somebody in the lot to leave. As convenient as driving to campus is, it has its flaws. Gas prices continue to put holes in pockets, college students tend to drive like it's a NASCAR race. This increases the likelihood of fender-benders to happen, especially in parking lots with a decent amount of traffic. To help alleviate some of SU's parking problems, students should try to carpool with a friend (or even with a friend-emy), drive safely and responsibly and plan ahead for a parking strategy. That should also help to avoid losing an opportunity for a decent parking spot.



BY ABIGAIL COLBY
Party Girl Problems Columnist

Top 5 cures for a wicked hangover

alcohol, the greatest benefits rest in the carbohydrates ability to stabilize your blood sugar and glucose levels.

2. Pedalyte

Ah, the electrifying feeling of electrolytes! This beverage, intended for the six and under crowd, has the best benefit if it's consumed after a night of heavy drinking. Not only does 'Lyte restore electrolyte levels, but it rehydrates the body as well. The main reason you're feeling like you'll never be able to function again.

3. Sweat It Out

The University Fitness Center may sound less appealing than a day-long Blackwell bender after a wild night out, have faith that physical activity will not only release the toxins that your system is holding, but will also get a solid endorphin rush going that will help you forget about any less than stellar decisions made the night before.

1. Carb Up

While Bagel Bakery is glorious regardless of physical or emotional state, these dough rings are specifically recommended to help ease a stomach trying to digest a noxious combination of liquor. While a lot of people perceive the bread as "absorbing" the

4. Coffee & Aspirin

While going from blissfully buzzed to overly alert might not seem ideal for a morning struggle, it's actually a great way to stabilize and reboot for the day ahead. Scientists have also found that the anti-inflammatory chemical ingredients in Aspirin react against the depressing effects of ethanol. Just like those Coke and Rums that got you into this mess in the first place, this combination will help you feel back to normal before you know it.

5. Sleep

The lingering burden from a night on the town is best avoided by one simple and natural remedy: sleep. There's no better way to avoid feeling like you've been ran over by an eighteen wheeler than opting to be unconscious for most of the hangovers detrimental effects. While it may seem counterproductive, scheduling in a Saturday afternoon nap may do more good than you realize.

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The very real threat from Timbuktu



BY THELONIOUS W. WILLIAMS
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Now re-elected, President Obama faces some very serious problems. His domestic problems are numerous. Some of these foreign policy issues facing the president, however, are not quite as well known. One region of the world that may become troublesome in Obama's next term is the region of Saharan Africa called Azawad. Traditionally comprising northern Mali, a chunk of Niger and parts of southern Algeria and Libya, Azawad is the name of the Tuareg homeland. In April, Tuareg rebels seized the entire north of Mali and declared Azawad an independent state, proclaiming Timbuktu as the capital of this new state. What is even scarier is that they have a close relationship with Al Qaeda. Al Qaeda's branch in Africa, Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, has become a significant presence in northern Mali. Fear of an Afghanistan-style war forming in northern Mali is worrying many in the West and in Africa itself. Both the African regional bloc Economic Community of West African States and the African Union quickly called for a military intervention to solve this crisis. Tuareg rebels rose in opposition

to the Malian government throughout the 1990s and 2000s, but never succeeded in detaching the north of Mali from the control of the Malian government. Their success was due in large part to the Libyan Civil War. Throughout the civil war, Muammar Gaddafi hired mercenaries from Saharan Africa, many of them Tuareg Malians. After Gaddafi's death in October 2011, the Tuaregs returned home, laden with arms. Now heavily equipped with weapons from the Libyan civil war, the National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad began to make significant gains in January. Frustrated at the lack of action against the Tuareg rebels, some junior officers of the Malian Army staged a coup in late March. The resulting confusion allowed the Tuaregs to sweep across northern Mali, leading to their declaration of independence. In order to achieve this victory, however, the MNLA had to align with a radical Islamist organization, Ansar Dine, who has ties to AQIM. After their victory, Ansar Dine, who had greater numbers than the MNLA and the financial backing of AQIM, seized control of Azawad from the MNLA. Ansar Dine began to impose a very strict interpretation of Islamic law, which included the desecration of many historical sites. This move, occurring in June, is what has caused the West and their African allies to call for swift military intervention. However, Western powers, especially the United States, have already stretched their military resources thin and cannot afford to further aggravate an already frustrated Islamic world. So what can the U.S. do? First of all, we shall see an increase of drone warfare in Africa. Already, the U.S. has employed drones to kill al Qaeda-affiliated militants in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Somalia, Yemen and Libya. The U.S. Military has been flying reconnaissance drones over Mali since the late 2000s. These reconnaissance drones will soon be replaced by attack drones. At the same time, in mid-October, the U.N. Security Council approved a 3,000-strong international intervention force, comprised mainly of West Africans. France and the United States are offering logistical support but not direct military intervention. This allows the West to stay in control of the situation without getting their hands dirty. The key player missing in all of this is Algeria. Bordering Azawad to the north, Algeria is not only the home of AQIM, but also the country that drove AQIM into Mali. After launching a massive anti-terrorist operation in the 2000s, Algeria succeeded in creating a powerful military that drove AQIM into Libya, Mauritania and Mali. Both the United States and ECOWAS see Algeria as vital to a successful intervention into northern Mali. My youth and inexperience prevents me from knowing whether or not military intervention is a good idea. However, Malians, both in the south and north, are hoping for a diplomatic solution to this crisis. Many Tuaregs are now seeking for a greater degree of autonomy within Mali, instead of outright independence. As opposed to bringing more drones to Mali, which often leads to more militants, bringing more cool-headed diplomats and negotiators may do more to heal this very fractured country.

Cloning populations: a short term solution to a long-term problem



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Gull Life Editor

A small cell rushes out through a long, sterile needle. As it reaches the end, it meets another cell and the two fuse, becoming one. The cell contains the genetic information for the black lion tamarin, an endangered species in Brazil. When fused with a blank egg cell for another species, such as the house cat, the cell will grow and develop, becoming a clone of the animal from which it was procured. Animal cloning has been common practice since 2003, when the sheep "Dolly" was famously conceived using this procedure. However, in recent years, conservationists have begun to discuss using cloning to restore the populations of endangered and even extinct species. The Brasilia Zoological Garden announced last week that they are embarking on phase two of a government project to clone several of Brazil's endangered animals. The cloned animals would include the black lion tamarin, the maned wolf, the jaguar, the bush dog, the coatí, the collared anteater, the gray brocket deer and the bison. The animals would be raised in captivity, but could eventually be released into the wild. The organization has spent the past two years collecting and preserving tissues from carcasses of these endangered animals, according to an article in Business Mirror. Now, they will make attempts to clone the animals through surrogate species. This is not the first attempt to restore species through cloning; similar projects are being attempted on animals in South Africa, Iberia and Ethiopia among others, according to Spiegel On-

line. While this technology meets the short-term goals by creating new individuals, it does not solve the long-term problems of habitat destruction that these species are facing. Furthermore, cloning could actually be harmful to these species in the long run. The team has stated that they would transplant these individuals into wild if necessary. However, animals raised in captivity are often unable to adapt to living in the wild, even if they are transferred to their natural habitat. More importantly however, this plan does not deal with the pressing issue of habitat destruction, which is what has diminished the populations to begin with. Transplanting these individuals into their native environment might appear to save the species' fates by temporarily restoring the ecosystem and replenishing the population. However, this plan fails to address the long-term issues of deforestation, pollution and general habitat fragmentation. Without proper regulation, these habitats will deteriorate further, and the replenished populations will not be able to persist. In fact, until greater action is taken, the fragmented habitats will actually be unable to support the new individuals. Furthermore, the clones would not add genetic diversity to the population. If the new populations are too small, they will be susceptible to inbreeding. This is known as the bottleneck effect. If the team restores an extinct or endangered population with a small number of individuals, future generations will be prone to a higher incidence of harmful genetic mutations that could affect their health. The problem with clones is that they are exact copies of another individual; therefore, introducing a clone into a population will increase, rather than prevent, the effect of inbreeding. This project could be interesting for studying and developing the technology of cloning, and it will provide a small backup population if necessary. This advantage should not be ignored. However, the project should not be relied upon as a solution to the fates that these species are currently facing. The government should continue to find ways to protect and support the populations they have left before they recreate the same individuals and transplant them into the same problem situations that human interference has created.

Letter to the Editor

On Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27, Shore Corps/PALS and Salisbury's Promise Alliance, two community outreach programs at SU, teamed up with Pinehurst Elementary School PTA and Stop the Violence for their eighth annual Gimme 5 Day. This event provides opportunities for young people to learn about the five America Promise Alliance promises from local vendors, such as Wicomico Mentoring Project, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Kids of Honor, Rainbows, 4H, Wicomico County Health Department, MAC, Inc., Girl Scouts, Wicomico Recreation, Parks, and Tourism, and Wicomico Partnership for Families and Children. Salisbury Metro Lions provided food. The five promises are: a caring adult, a healthy start, a safe place, effective education and opportuni-

ties to help others. Several SU students and student groups helped us again this year to make the event a success. Specifically, I would like to thank members of Psi Chi, the Psychology Club, students in Paula Morris' Advertising and Promotions class, and students who volunteered or work with one of our partners. This is an example of the town-gown relationship in action. As a service project, the young people who attended made potato soup and decorated place mats for Meals on Wheels. For more information about Gimme 5, please contact me at gwhitehead@salisbury.edu. George Whitehead, Ph.D. Professor of Psychology, Project Director Shore Corps/PALS, and Chair, Salisbury's Promise Alliance

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SPECIALIZING IN STUDENT RENTALS!

Dancers choreograph inspiration, emotion

BY ALEX ROULAC
Staff Writer

Ballet, modern and contemporary African and Latin American influences were prevalent during the 23rd Annual Fall Dance Showcase last week.

The showcase featured pieces from eight Salisbury University Dance Company members with a finale, "Algeria da Vida," created by guest choreographer Staci Alexander-Snyder.

The show kicked off with a hip-hop inspired piece "Going Crazy," choreographed by senior Kerry Brennan. Set to music by Beck, the dance had a sense of energy and flare that set the tone for the rest of the showcase.

Graduating senior Marisa Corbett's "Wear Sunscreen" was set to a speech written and spoken by Kurt Vonnegut. Corbett said her modern dance piece is meant to be an inspiration to anyone going through a turning point in life.

Corbett, a member of the dance company since her freshman year, said she was inspired by the themes in Vonnegut's speech.

"I was inspired because I am in the position that he is speaking to: A college graduate with their whole life ahead of them," Corbett said. "To me, the overall message of his speech is to always protect yourself."

African and contemporary dance styles make up junior company member Chelsea Chmel's "Two Worlds." Chmel said she was captivated by the soundtrack from Disney's "Tarzan" and had always admired Phil Collins' music.

"My goal was organic movement, and the interactions with other dancers really get the point of my dance across," Chmel said. "The combination of solo work and ensemble work demonstrates how each person is an individual, but we are all one body of people."

"Home," choreographed by senior company member Stephanie Johnson, was set to the contemporary jazz and electronica sounds of The Cinematic Orchestra. The dancers' emotions were meant to be drawn out with each movement that was made.

"When I was choreographing it, I wanted it to be like as dancers, our home is on the stage. We're most comfortable on the stage," Johnson said. "So I always felt like there's no place like home."

Senior Killian Walker's dance was the definition of the piece's title "Fierce," with music by Nina Martinez, Yeah Yeah Yeahs and La Roux. The lightning movements and multiple pirouettes ignited cheers from the audience.

Chmel, one of the dancers in Walker's piece commended Walker for her entertaining choreography and theme promoting fierce, strong women.

"It really broke up the show that was mostly modern and threw in a spicy number," she said.

Contemporary ballet and modern dance styles were incorporated into senior Gina Ingrao's "Dancing in the Dark" and company member Erin Nooney's "Peponi." Both dances were aesthetically and artistically pleasing. Sultry and emotional movements depicted the meaning behind junior company member Morgan Pearson's piece "You Tore My Heart," by Oona.

The company members said they have grown as dancers and as individuals while being a part of SU Dance Company. Some of them plan to cultivate dance into their lives in some fashion.

Corbett said she plans to combine her love for teaching and dance as a dance instructor at a studio when she graduates.

"I am graduating this semester and the thought of leaving the girls is unbearable," Corbett



Photo submitted by Chelsea Chmel

A dancer is lifted up by her group during Chelsea Chmel's dance "Two Worlds."



Photo by Jasmine Clay

Dancers sway gracefully through Erin Nooney's dance "Peponi."

said, "I have grown so close to everyone on this company and I will truly miss each and every one of them!"

Convicted drunk driver brings issue to light

BY JASMINE CLAY
Staff Writer

Sentenced to 30 years in prison after killing two people while driving under the influence, Chris Sandy came to Salisbury University last week share his story.

On April 11, 2000, 22-year-old Sandy had taken four back-to-back drinks when he got a call from friends at another house. Deciding he wanted to be there instead, he hopped into his car with his friend Jesse.

Sandy admitted to hitting 80 miles per hour because he was in a hurry to get to the party, even though he knew the speed limit went from 35 to 45. He said he remembers seeing an oncoming vehicle in the other lane with the left hand turn signal on.

"BAM! There was an incredibly loud sound," Sandy said. "Everything went black and several seconds passed where I could not see. When I opened my eyes, I found myself pinned against the passenger-side dashboard and could barely breathe."

He managed to crawl out, but his right leg was dislocated and there was severe bleeding. Sandy said he remembers thinking that the night was ruined, but that he will never forget the next words he heard.

Someone in the distance screamed, "There's a fatality on the scene!"

Sandy later learned that a couple in their early 70s was killed. He was charged and arrested on two counts of vehicular homicide by DUI. He

spent 13 years in prison and is now completing 17 years on probation.

"When you make a choice like this, every day is filled with guilt," he said. "I can't imagine the feelings of the victims' family, but I saw my family rip apart. My parents divorced. My little sister hated me. I don't blame her."

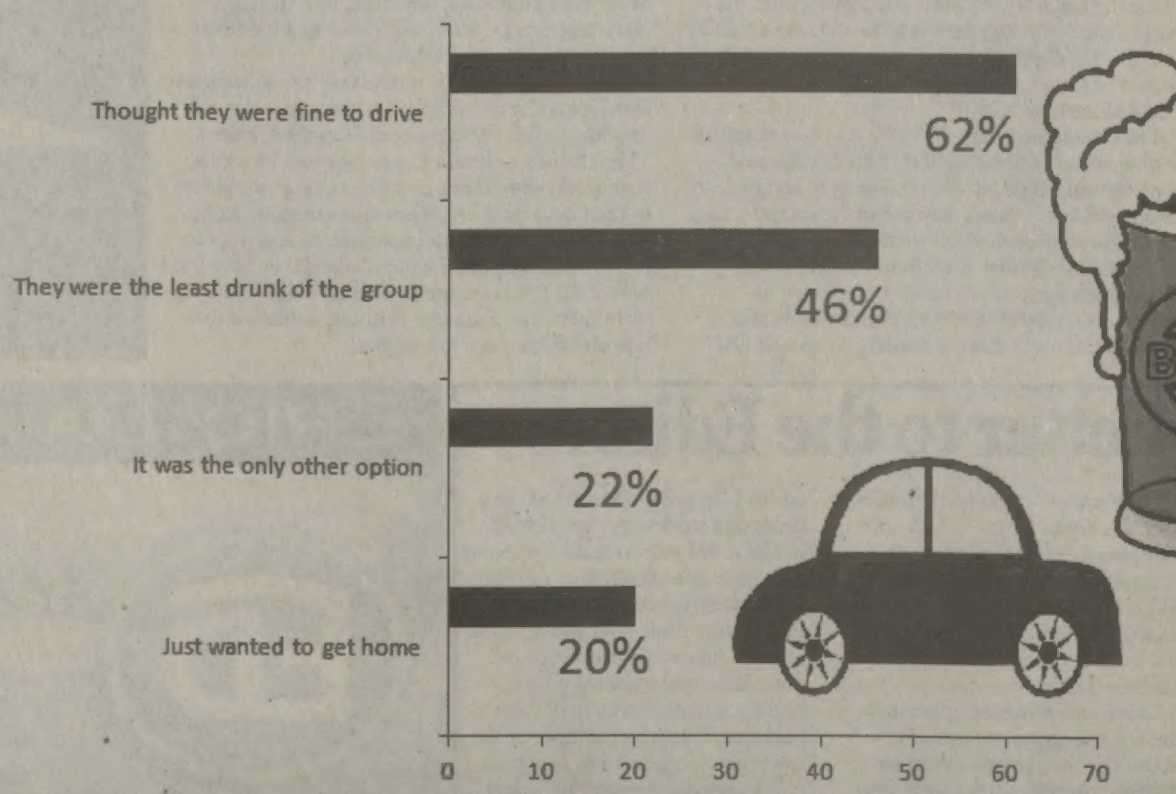
Although Sandy is now living at home with his wife and two children, he is not free. His parole requires him to visit the crime site yearly, undergo drug and alcohol testing, make monthly payments and obtain travel permits from his parole officer if he is ever out of state. He hopes to have his license back in a year.

"I wonder what people will say when I pick my children up from school and have to blow into a built-in breathalyzer before I can start the car. I pray that they won't judge my children because of the mistake I made," Sandy said.

Reflecting on the topic, 113 Salisbury students took a self-selected online survey. Only 43.9 percent said they plan a designated driver when going out. The majority of students, 71.7 percent, said they do not drink and drive. However, 28.3 percent said they drink and drive at least occasionally. Of the students who said they do drink and drive, only 7.8 percent said they have faced consequences for it.

More than half of the students, 58.2 percent, said they would be willing to be driven by a friend who had been drinking. Of those students, 60 percent said they trusted that their friend was fine to drive.

Of the 50 percent of students who reported letting drunk friends drive them home:



Graphic by Amanda Biederman

In a poll of 113 SU students, 50 percent said they would allow a drunk friend drive them, citing a variety of reasons.

One anonymous student reported a run-in with drunk driving that changed his perspective on the issue.

"Several years ago my friend who I thought was sober drove me and wrecked," he said. "He had been drinking. I had some stupid high school moments with letting an

other drunk drive as well."

The survey revealed that few students rely on Safe Ride to get home safely; only 20.4 percent reported using the service and 53.1 percent said they use it rarely or not at all.

One student reported driving drunk once, but said he would never do it again.

"I can honestly say I drove drunk (beyond buzzed) once in my life," said the anonymous respondent. "It was a stupid choice that could've cost me a lot in the long run. I didn't get pulled over, nor did I get in an accident or have any close calls. I pushed my luck and thank goodness my luck held."

SU students aid struggling youth

BY MAKAYLA-COURTNEY MCGEENEY
Staff Writer

High school graduation rates remain a critical issue within the United States.

Communities with high dropout rates suffer "lost wages, taxes and productivity to higher costs for health care, welfare and crime," according to the Alliance for Excellent Education.

The Kids of Honor program was founded in 2001 to reach out to local struggling youth in the lower counties of Maryland's Eastern Shore. This organization helps students succeed in high school to get to graduation.

Kids of Honor begins targeting students in the fourth grade encouraging improvement in "attendance, preparation, organization, cooperation and respect."

In high school, the organization guides them with college preparation and career planning. Kids of Honor has helped 90 local students receive their diplomas since 2007, according to their website.

Wanting to make a difference, Salisbury University seniors Shane Scott, Felipe Creighton, Molly Witte, Erica Martin and Gerald Charles from management and marketing professor Paula Morris' Advertising and Promotions class, recently decided to team up with Kids of Honor to spread awareness and raise money for the organizations' after-school programs.

Scott said they became interested in the organization because they admired its goals.

"With nearly one out of every three high school students in America not graduating, Kids of Honor has and continues to provide assistance in giving a possible future to students," Scott said.

The group will hold a fundraiser and put together a mini-commercial to promote the organization, which could possibly air on local television stations. They also plan to redesign posters, flyers and brochures, and broadcast radio advertisements for the organization.

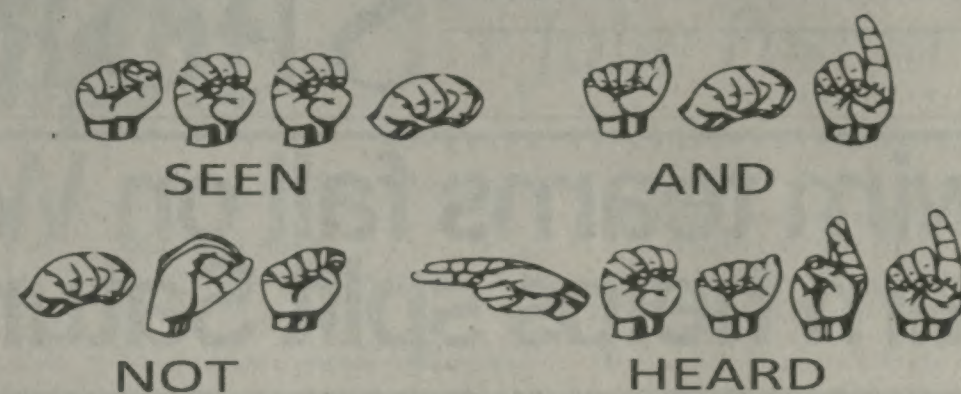
Creighton said the group is excited to make a difference in the community through just a couple months of work for the sake of children that are less fortunate.

"It's fantastic to see all of the hard work we have put in these past few months slowly come together to know that we are making a difference," Creighton said.

Morris, who is actively involved in community service herself, said she believes her class teaches students that although carrying out a massive project can be difficult, it is ultimately rewarding.

"I love teaching my students the challenges of making it real," she said. "It's wonderful to see them learning in an environment that makes 'failures' safe. Motivated by making a difference in the community, they overcome the challenges that get in their way."

SU students and community members are invited to support the project Nov. 28 at Cherokee Lanes.



BY ASHA AZARIAH-KRIBBS
Staff Writer

It took director Hilari Scarl a single year working with deaf performers to decide that the world needed to know the hardships that face these talented people in their fight for recognition.

Her film "See What I'm Saying" documents the struggles of four different entertainers, a singer, a stand-up comedian, an all-purpose actor and one of the band members for "Beethoven's Nightmare," as they work to overcome the prejudices that limit their professional careers. Scarl believes that the title itself implies "not just a visual impact," but shows how necessary sight is to a form of communication every bit as expressive as audible speech.

Scarl reveals a world entirely separate for all deaf populations. C.J. Jones, the comedian, believes that the "deaf struggle is similar to the black struggle," in that deaf people have to overcome the same hurdles that American minorities often face. Whenever C.J. had to compete against comedians who could be heard and did not need sign language to express themselves, he was overlooked despite his obvious talent.

The rock singer T. L. Forsberg faced a similar problem. Neither totally deaf nor able to hear beyond bursts of noise, she was not accepted in the deaf community or the hearing community. Though anyone who hears her work cannot deny her natural skill as well as contagious passion for her work, her inability to fit in made it difficult for her to find employment. Her audience could not overlook her differences in favor of her art.

Robert DeMayo is a talented actor who finds himself homeless because there are limited roles for deaf people in theatre. Working alternately as an acting and sign language teacher, he still can't afford an apartment. It is only thanks to an old friend that he is saved from spending more than a few weeks on the street. There is a poignant scene where DeMayo's attempt to rent someone's basement is denied because the owner doesn't want to lease to a deaf person.

And finally there is Bob Hiltermann, a drummer. His band, "Beethoven's Nightmare," is comprised entirely of deaf performers. Believing that there is a "more spiritual and physical element to music than simply hearing," this brave bunch compose music because they enjoy the feel of it. To them, hear-

ing is not necessary to musical appreciation. However, financial difficulties nearly ruin the band because they can't find an audience for their work, no matter how new and imaginative it is.

The documentary shows the collaborative triumph of these unlikely entertainers. While it's nearly impossible for them to attract attention on their own, when mutual misfortune and lucky circumstance compel them to work together as a team they are seen as a sensational force, capable of standing with more conventional entertainers.

While it is a shame that they could not have been as successful individually, "See What I'm Saying" is a good reminder for everyone, not just the deaf, that sometimes teamwork is a helpful element in success. A shared dream is an ambition more easily realized, providing the support and creative energy that, in this case, was needed to show off these performers' talents.

Perhaps it is true that the deaf are often dismissed by the greater population because of their perceived "handicap." However, it's just as true that with the publicity of Scarl's documentary and the broad recognition that comes with success, these talented artists will not be unknown forever.

Police share 'behind the scenes' look at Sandy

BY ASHA AZARIAH-KRIBBS
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With the excitement of Hurricane Sandy, it's easy to forget the more serious issues Salisbury University narrowly avoided thanks to the planning and hard work of the campus police department.

Chief of Police Edwin Lashley worked previously as the chief of a field operations bureau and has attended multiple conferences on hurricanes, including the National Hurricane Conference in Washington, D.C. He said he handled preparations for and safety measures during hurricanes Gloria and Isabella.

So when Hurricane Sandy showed up on the radar, Lashley wasn't fazed at all.

Planning for Hurricane Sandy began as soon as the hurricane was 72 hours from the shore. In sending out updates and warnings, Lashley said that the campus police "try to narrow information to a more regional, local focus," to make it relevant to students and faculty.

Lashley said he is satisfied with the steps taken to ensure campus safety prior to and during Hurricane Sandy.

"If you act too soon, people have a tendency to accuse you of overreacting," Lashley said. "If you don't

react soon enough, people judge you for not taking action. It's a delicate balance."

The campus police were in constant contact with the city police during the hurricane. Lashley discussed resources with the chief of police as well as clearance for the movement and operation of emergency services during times when civilians were discouraged from going outdoors.

The police also brought meals to students living off campus in case power outages and harsh weather prevented them from accessing meals. These measures proved unnecessary, as Salisbury escaped the worst of the storm.

Lashley noted that many "staff members were displaced, but there were no casualties and no loss of life."

Students had to be evacuated from their residence halls to the gymnasium during the storm where, with the help of Student Affairs, students were served pizza and provided with entertainment during the worst of the storm.

After the worry and preparations for Sandy, the biggest challenge in the aftermath of the storm was primarily a large, fallen tree that prohibited access to the Blackwell and Holloway parking lot.

Students investigate on-campus 'murder' at Clue themed dinner

BY ALEX ROULAC
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Scandal, suspense and laughs were all found in Salisbury University's first ever Mystery Theater Dinner, which was held in the Worcester Room above The Commons on Saturday.

The dinner was sponsored by Women Inspiring Neverending Kinnections, and all proceeds were donated toward breast cancer research.

Similar to the game "Clue," guests were assigned names like Devin Dillon and Raquel. They had to keep their eyes and ears open to observe each character and guess which was the murderer.

Guests were cordially invited to the engagement party of Khloe Deville and Clarence Price, played by Kimberly Mrs. Deville cries over the body of Aunt Prudence/Pas-

Flucas. After dinner was served, wedding planner Heather Trees (Elisa Drummond) introduced the other characters of the engagement party: Khloe's aunt Prudence/Passion (Simone Brown), the maid-of-honor Kelly Love (Brita Denal-Findley), the best man Trent Eastwood (Kendall Thomas), and Khloe's parents Dr. Vincent Deville and Mrs. Florence Deville (Antoinette Beidlemen and Amber Augone). Guests were encouraged to mingle and get familiar with each character throughout the evening.

As signs of deception and betrayal emerged, it became apparent that this seemingly happy family was anything but. Khloe was oblivious to her fiancé Clarence having rendezvous with her maid-of-honor and Heather the wedding planner behind her back. Dr. Deville was a raging alcoholic and Prudence and Mrs. Deville were seen arguing and stepped out of the room, with only Mrs. Deville returning minutes later.

After Mrs. Deville and Heather left the room a second time, Khloe asked where her aunt had gone. Screams followed soon after from the closet, where Mrs. Deville and Heather were seen with Prudence's body on the floor. Mrs. Deville cried that her sister was murdered, and Detective Rachel Louis (Julia Dalesandro) showed up, introducing herself and asked all the guests to come forward with any information they had regarding the murder.

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Guests would write down clues after the detective interviewed each character. The mother tried to pin the murder on her daughter Khloe, stating she and the aunt had always fought for attention in the family. Khloe revealed that no one really liked the aunt, while fiancé Clarence was the murderer and believed the aunt caught one of Clarence's affairs.

"Passion did not seem to only have an affair with a few men, she also spot one," Rouge said.

Another guest, Simon Scissors, said she suspected the maid-of-honor and best man were plotting. "They were plotting so that they could all marry into the money," Scissors said.

The winner of the Mystery Dinner was Abdalla Ramadan for correctly guessing that Mrs. Deville had killed her sister after she discovered the affair.

Swim teams fall on Wednesday, Men's team helps split Saturday's meet

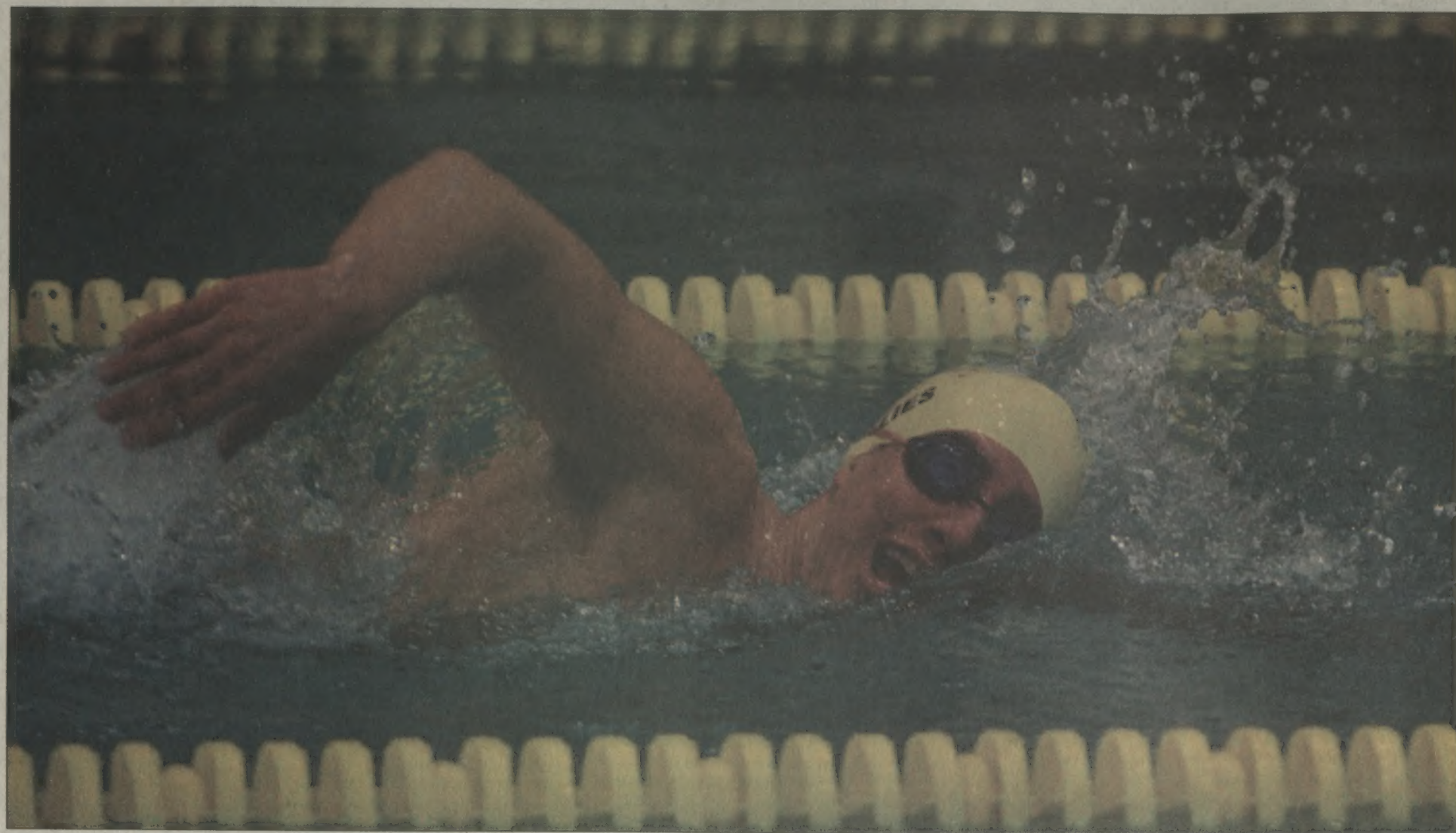


Photo by Justin Odenhal
Sophomore Eric Gillies races down the line in the last leg of the 800m freestyle on Saturday.

BY DAVID CABRERA
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Even with a little home-field advantage, the Salisbury University men's and women's swim teams came up short on Wednesday night at the Aquatic Center versus Washington College.

The women lost 111.5-93.5, while the men lost 123-80.

Despite the loss, Coach Jill Stephenson believes that her team swam, "really well" and "we knew going in would be a chance to have some great races."

While Wednesday's meet was a disappointment for the team, there were numerous silver linings for the Sea Gulls. In the men's 50-meter freestyle, freshman Will Gough won with a time of 24.49. The 50-meter was the first win of what was a good night for Gough, who paced the men's team with another win in the 100-meter freestyle in 56.47.

On the women's side, in the 200-meter individual medley freshman Nikki Schult won in 2:39.48. Besides Schult's win, the Sea Gull women had two other first place winners: senior Sarah Ault in the 100 meter-butterfly (1:09:51) and sophomore Taylor Merget in the 100-meter backstroke (1:13:19).

In the last events of the night, the men's and women's 200-meter freestyle relay, the Gulls had strong first place finishes. The women, consisting of Ault, Merget, freshman Andria Moyer, and junior Julie Mistowski won their race in 2:01:67. With a team of sophomore Rich Ambrose, senior Paul Zoli, senior Eric Robichaud and freshman Jeremy Powell, the men finished in 1:43:91.

On Saturday afternoon against Marymount University, the results were more pleasant, at least for the men's team, for the Gulls.

The men's team won 115-88, while the women lost 121-84.

Saturday's meet started off with a series of long-distance swims. Most notably the men's 400-meter medley and the men's 800-meter freestyle, which turned into first place finishes for the Sea Gulls.

The team of junior Darryl Baxter, freshman Jeremy Powell, junior Mike Bengston and freshman Ryan Greene captured the 400 in 4:40:43.

Sophomore Eric Gillies won the 800 in a very close race with a time of 9:51:95.

"I knew there was a guy coming at me at the end there, it was going to be close," said Gillies. "To win a race like that makes it that much sweeter."

After the long-distance swims came the men's 200-meter freestyle, which was won by James Gough with a time of 2:07:32.

The 200 win for James Gough, a junior, started off a great meet for him in which he also won the 100-meter backstroke (1:05:14).

For the women's team there were many

races to be proud of: Senior Sarah Ault won the 100-meter butterfly (1:09:54), freshman Nikki Schult (100-meter backstroke in 1:13:92) and sophomore Taylor Merget (400-meter freestyle in 3:59:42) also won their individual events.

The men finished off their big day with a win in the 400-meter freestyle relay, swam by senior Eric Robichaud, freshman John Thompson, sophomore Rich Ambrose and Greene.

With the team, as Coach Stephenson said, "not having a meet yet where we had 100 percent of the team's members competing" because of injury or illness and with their next meet being a two day meet at the Golden Bear Invitational, the Sea Gulls are looking to build some momentum and may have found a little bit of it this weekend.

Real Galacticos Football Club wins intramural co-ed soccer tournament against Bombsquad

BY AMY MCFARLAND
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Teams Real Galacticos Football Club and Bombsquad faced off on Tuesday for first place in the Intramural Co-ed Soccer League after remaining undefeated out of the 53 teams that played this season.

Both teams fought hard for the championship title, but in the end Real Galacticos FC's offense dominated Bombsquad for a 7-2 victory.

RGFC started out strong with a goal during the early minutes of the game, but Bombsquad's team captain Dillon Barnett fought back with a header into the goal to tie the score at 1-1. RGFC took control of the ball, allowing sophomore Tori Carey to



Photo by Justin Odenhal
Students battle it out on the soccer field during the intramural soccer finals on Tuesday night.

shoot past Bombsquad's goalie for a lead of 2-1.

Bombsquad came right back with a direct shot at the goal off of a penalty kick, tying the score again at 2-2. RGFC would not let the tie stand long though, scoring two more goals to lead at 4-2. Barnett tried to get a header into RGFC's goal for another Bombsquad point, but was unsuccessful and the score stood 4-2 at half time.

RGFC took over the second half, scoring back-to-back goals to lead 6-2. Bombsquad tried to score off of another penalty kick, but were unable to find the net.

Strong offensive runs from RGFC led to more shots at the goal, and Bombsquad's defense struggled to get the ball back for the remainder of the game. Bombsquad was un-

able to make a comeback, and after a final penalty kick RGFC scored again to win the game 7-2.

"It feels good," said Team Captain Promise Ebinum. "Everybody worked hard and came to every game, so we put in a team effort."

The victors celebrated and were awarded t-shirts after a long, but successful season. "I would say it's not as hardcore, but it is," said Carey. "By the end, we all learned to play better together."

Winning the championship was a tough achievement, as Assistant Director of Campus Recreation Wayne Gorrrow said that if a team does not make it to the playoffs, they only get to play four regular season games.

"Part of the problem is the league's gotten

so big and we only have one soccer field," Gorrrow said. "We can't take everybody to the playoffs, or we'd be playing until Christmas."

Although not every team was able to advance as far as Real Galacticos FC, Gorrrow and students agree that the Intramural program provides students a chance to get active and meet new friends.

"It's just a better way to stay active," Carey said. "I'm definitely doing it again next year with these guys."

Athlete Spotlight

Julie Poston



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BY ANDREW CANTOR
Staff Writer

Junior Julie Poston has played an integral role in the evolution of the Salisbury University Volleyball program. The Junior Outside Hitter has transformed herself into a complete player and looks to help her team make a deep run into the regional playoffs. The Laurel, Md. native took time to sit down with the Flyer this week and talk about her success in the program.

When did you start playing volleyball?
I started playing volleyball when I was in the fourth grade because my whole family played the sport and my parents wanted me to start early.

What is your favorite part about the sport?
My favorite part about it is the friendships that you get from your teammates and coaches. You never know when you need someone to talk to. Being on a team helps a lot when it comes to needing someone to talk to because you never know when you need someone to listen or get advice from someone.

What others schools did you look at or tried to recruit you?
Towson, College of Notre Dame of Maryland and Elon University.

Why did you pick Salisbury?
I picked Salisbury because I knew I wanted to become a teacher, and I took a tour here and I mainly asked questions about the teaching program and what it has to offer. I saw the building and had a moment where I said to my parents, "I can see myself learning in this environment."
I fell in love with the campus and I also liked the volleyball program as well.

What is your favorite spot on campus?
My favorite spot on campus is Fireside because it has the nice couches that you can sit and watch TV or even take a nap on if you are really tired between classes. I usually take a nap there after morning treatments.

What is your favorite thing about SU?
My favorite thing about SU is that a lot of people are willing to help whenever you need it. You have a writing center where you can go and get extra help with writing papers. A Student Achievement Center where you can have a study hall or you can get extra help from other students that has taken that course before. You also have the professors that are willing to help you with any questions if you go to them at first and ask them for the help. With SU you have a lot of opportunity to succeed in

your work ethics and work on yourself.

What is your major?
Early Childhood Education with an Athletic Coaching minor.

What is the best part about your game?
The best part of my game is that I have really good court awareness. I know where people are on the court and I know where spots are open to hit the ball. When I figure out a weakness I tell my teammates so that we can all go after that weakness and proceed to win.

What is your favorite part about being an outside hitter?
My favorite thing about being an outside hitter is that I have a lot of court space to hit the ball wherever I want too. I am not limited to one specific area. If I see a spot on the court that is open I try to put the ball there as quickly as I can.

How important is team chemistry?
Team chemistry is very important because without it you cannot trust your teammates to have your back if you get blocked or if you mess up. With our team we have a lot of chemistry and it's nice to know that my teammates have my back, whether cheering on the court or covering me while I'm hitting. With our team chemistry, I don't think teams are very successful because then you have players that are just playing for themselves instead of playing for a team and their teammates.

Talk about the evolution of the program.

Our program tries to be very involved with things going on outside of volleyball. We try to show our support with other team's sporting events like going to swim meets, basketball games and softball games. We also try to help out the community in some way. Usually around Christmas time we collect shoe boxes filled with different necessities and ship them off to people who need it. We also try to collect toys either new or old and give them to "Toys for Tots" and we try to help donate as much as we can.

Do you plan on coaching volleyball one day?

Yes I do plan on coaching volleyball one day because I want to be able to share my knowledge with others and influence kids to love the sport as much as I do and hopefully guide them to become the best volleyball player they can be.

Do you have a message you want to send to students at SU?

Being a student athlete is very challenging but rewarding at the same time. When you do well in your classes and on the court many people notice without you noticing. You make a lot of friendships and you become more involved with the campus. I strongly encourage people to become involved with the campus because it makes your time here more enjoyable. Go Salisbury! Go Salisbury Volleyball!

Cross country ends season at regionals, looks to next year

BY AMY MCFARLAND
Staff Writer

Five student-athletes of the Salisbury University men's and women's cross country team competed in the NCAA Division III Midstate Regional Championships in Carlisle, PA on Saturday.

Of those runners, freshman Kyle Tockman placed 31st with a time of 26:16.6 and was named to the All-Region team and given All-Freshman Midstate Region Honors.

Sophomore Hailey Spinapont, who has won CAC Athlete of the Week five times this season, was the top women's finisher at 40th place with a time of 23:40.5. This was the highest finish for Salisbury women since 2007.

Senior Jessie Early placed 153rd in her final race with a time of 25:57.7, while teammates Thomas Burke and Jeremy Skarda placed 78th and 79th with times of 27:15.6 and 27:16. SU was one of only nine schools that had three runners finish in the top 80.

Despite their success,

Tockman and Spinapont did not qualify for the NCAA Division III National Championships as Head Coach Jim Jones was pushing for Jones admitted that the team as a whole did not achieve their goal to win the conference.

"I think that this is a very good group, they get along and the camaraderie was very good," Jones said. "We just didn't fulfill our mission."

However, he and the Gulls remain optimistic about next year's opportunities. Jones believes that the team will come together as a stronger competitive group next year in order to achieve their goal of winning the conferences.

"As a team in whole we need to be a little more competitive when we put on the uniform," Jones said. "I think if we do that next year with the upper classmen that are coming back we'll be a very good team, men and women."

Tockman and fellow freshman Burke shared disappointment with their coach on the conference results, but also his expect-

tations of a successful 2013 season.

"Next year we're returning almost everyone, so we should be a lot better," Tockman said. "The future is looking good."

Most of Jones' team will return for the 2013 season, though he will lose Early and her two fellow seniors Tyler Miluski and Chris Sulczynski.

"We have a very young team," Early said. "With me being a senior, I've encouraged them to step up and just be confident."

The women's accomplishments included a first place victory at the Don Cathcart Invitational as well as third place at the CAC Championship in Frostburg. The men's team also achieved third place at the CAC Championship where Tockman, Burke and Skarda received second team honors for the first time in their careers. "Everyone improved their confidence levels over the season," Spinapont said. "We've become a unit."

SU volleyball advances in NCAA tournament



Photo by Joey Gardner
The Salisbury University volleyball team celebrates their victory over Eastern College, advancing them to the final four for the first time in school history.

Fire in the hole

SU Garden Club hosts pepper eating contest

BY GEORGE KIRIAZOGLOU
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The hot pepper eating contest hosted by the Salisbury Garden Club on Monday in Red Square was set to last only six rounds, but when there is a free burrito from Chipotle on the line students refused to let the pepper win.

After 22 rounds there finally was a winner. "It is important that students don't touch their eyes, nose, or any part of their face during this competition," said Will Barron, president of the Garden Club.

In each round students would eat a different pepper, and as the rounds went on the peppers got hotter. During the first round, students ate Jalapeno peppers. The rules stated that you had to eat the whole pepper in order to advance to the next round.

Ten Students participated in this event and as they ate their peppers their friends were there to cheer them on and motivate them to not let the heat get the best of them. Students were given just one water bottle the whole competition. In addition, each student had one glass of milk and two pieces of bread, but if they chose to drink the milk or eat the bread they were automatically disqualified.

As the competition went into the second round, students began to drop out of the competition. Only seven students remained as Garden Club members put the hot Banana pepper on their plates. Spectators cheered for their friends and watched them struggle to consume the peppers.

In the third round, the Peter pepper was placed on the student's plates. This was the third hottest pepper

and all seven students were able to advance to the next round.

The next pepper was the Fish pepper, and by the looks on the student's faces it was apparent that this one was a hot one. However, again all seven would advance to the next round. In the fifth round, a Pequin pepper was placed on their plates. Friends of students found humor in seeing their friends struggle through the competition.

As the sixth and last round started, the Habanero pepper stared into the eyes of the competitors. A free Chipotle burrito was one step closer to being in the hands of the victor.

After the round was over seven fierce competitors refused to give up and the competition would go into extra rounds. Little did Garden Club members know that there would be 22 total rounds.

In the next couple of rounds students had to eat the same peppers in the same order as in the beginning. As it carried on into the 18th, 19th and 20th rounds, students began to drop out. It was down to two contestants, and both were determined to be crowned the winner.

"The Habanero pepper was definitely the hottest pepper in the competition, after you eat it your mouth goes numb," said freshman Tyler Wilson.

In the end it was freshman Denis Miller, who fought through 22 gut-wrenching rounds for a free Chipotle burrito and a target gift card.

"The night before I didn't think it would be this bad," said freshman champion Miller. "I have a lot of respect for the people who competed in this contest."

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